

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 524

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A RESOLUTION honoring Lettie Kendall upon receiving the Robert M. Wormsley Outstanding County Official of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should specially honor those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Lettie Mae Parker Kendall of Clarksville, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all of her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the longest serving county commissioner in the State of Tennessee, having served as Montgomery County District 13 commissioner for thirty-nine years, Lettie Kendall, has received the Robert M. Wormsley Outstanding County Official of the Year award from the Tennessee County Services Association; and

WHEREAS, as the 2011 award recipient, Lettie Kendall makes history doubly as the first female and as the first African-American upon whom this prestigious public service award has been bestowed; and

WHEREAS, Lettie Kendall has loyally served the public school system of Montgomery County as a teacher and principal for nearly fifty years, and students from decades ago still visit and seek her advice; and

WHEREAS, elected to the county commission a record number of times, Lettie Kendall is an icon in her community, and her strong commitment to Clarksville and Montgomery County is memorialized by a park in her neighborhood having been named in her honor; and

WHEREAS, a highly productive community member, Lettie Kendall is the first woman to serve on the trustee board of St. John Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, a woman of extraordinary achievement in both her personal and public life, Lettie Kendall has attained the respect and adoration of her family, neighbors, colleagues, and fellow county officials as she has lived a life reflective of fairness, honesty, and justice for all; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Lettie Mae Parker Kendall upon her receipt of the Robert M. Wormsley Outstanding County Official of the Year award, especially recognizing her historic accomplishments as the first female and the first African-American recipient of this prestigious award. We extend to her our sincerest wishes for success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.